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22 April 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution

SUBJECT: Critique of Mission C069C

1. The critique for Mission C069C flown on 8 April 1969 as a [redacted] was held in the OSA Control Center at 1300 EST, 17 April 1969. In addition to [redacted] DD/SA, and [redacted] D/O/OSA, representatives were present from the IDEALIST Division, Intelligence Division, Deputy for Materiel, Security Staff, Communications Division, Avionics Division, Weather Division, OEL, OSI and [redacted] OEL. Following personnel critiqued on applicable portions of the mission:

[redacted] - Mission preparation, execution and mission success.

[redacted] - Forecast and actual weather.

[redacted] - Materiel

[redacted] - Communication equipment and

[redacted] - ChiCom tracking, route flown and target coverage.

2. C069C (Canned Route 1107) was alerted on 6 April 1969. Take off was at 0200Z, 8 April; landing was at 0635Z the same date. Mission duration was 4+35 hours. This mission was designed and flown to obtain photo and Elint coverage along the South China Coast from a point off the northeast coast of Hainan to a point [redacted]

This was the first operational

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mission flown with the U-2R. Aircraft was 058. This was also the first operational sortie flown by [REDACTED]

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3. Weather: The weather was forecast to be Category II for the area of interest, however, weather actually experienced was CAT I and/or II for most of the photographic portion of the mission. The last half of this sortie was severely degraded by heavy haze.

4. Maintenance: One discrepancy was reported. The doppler navigation system remained in memory for the last three hours which was flown over the water.

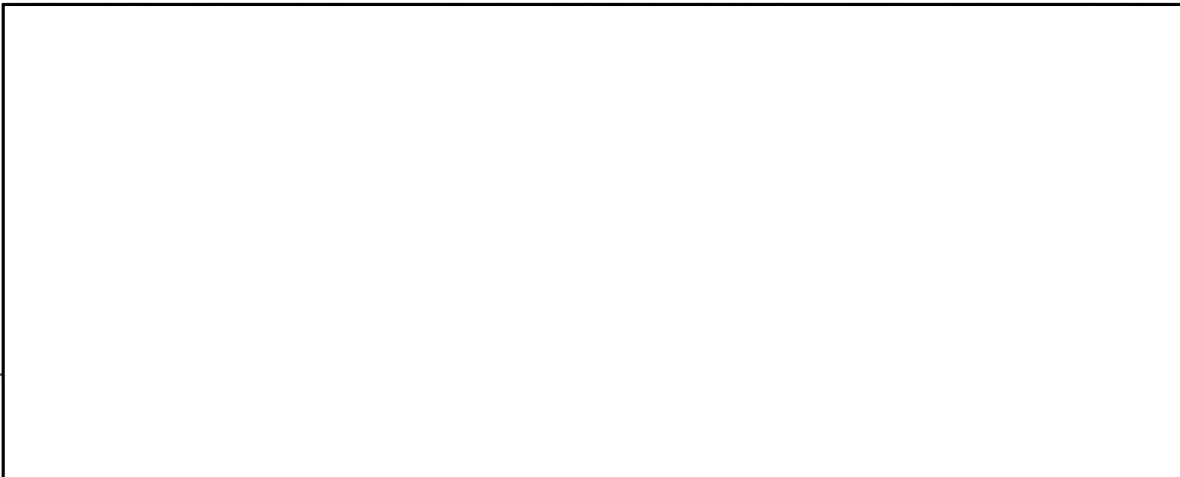
5. Communications: All communications equipment and the [REDACTED] operation was satisfactory.

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6. Intelligence:

a. Target Coverage: Only nine of the 31 programmed COMIREX targets were covered. An additional 22 bonus COMIREX targets plus four non-COMIREX targets were photographed. Total targets covered was 35. Overall interpretability was poor with 15% cloud cover. The primary degrading factor was obliquity and heavy haze. A few targets were missed due to improper sighting technique on the first flight line.

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7. Actions Required:

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a. After reviewing the briefing/debriefing tape for Mission C069C, it was not deemed prudent to make any further comment to [ ] at this time. [ ] has been reprimanded for not adhering to Green Card instructions on [ ] and further for not making proper sighting angle changes for the "H" Configuration when he determines that he is off track.

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b. AVIONICS/OSA will follow up on the [ ] recorders due to the lack of pick up of "X" and "C" band signals which is quite unusual.



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Attachment - 2  
Route Overlay  
Targets Covered

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Photo Interpretability ranges from fair to poor. Overall interpretability is poor with 40% cloud cover.

CHINA TARGETS COVERED:

- 9 of 31 programmed targets covered
- 22 bonus COMIREX targets covered
- 4 bonus non-COMIREX targets covered

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35 Total targets covered

Breakdown of Targets By Category:

- 3 Airfields
- 12 Naval Facilities
- 9 Army Barracks
- 3 Military Complexes
- 2 Storage Areas
- 1 Radar Site
- 2 Port Facilities
- 1 Army Hospital
- 2 Industrial Complexes

TARGET COVERAGE FOR IDEALIST TACKLE MISSION C069C, 7 April 1969

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PROGRAMMED TARGETS

COMIREX NO.	NAME OF INSTALLATION	INTERPRET- ABILITY	WEATHER/REMARKS
	Ching Lan MTB		not covered
	Wen Chang Army Bks. South		not covered
	Wen Chiao Military Installation		not covered
	Pa Lo Shih Military Complex		not covered
	Chan Chiang Airfield	poor	haze ID only
	Chan Chiang Naval Base	fair	haze
	Lan Tien Possible Naval Base	poor	haze ID only
	San Chou Shih Naval Facilities	poor	ground cover ID only
	Chu Hai Barracks and Storage Area E.	poor	haze ID only
	Lung Hua Army Barracks North	poor	haze ID only
	Sheh Chuan Storage Warehouses	fair	haze
	Hsin Hsu Army Bks.		not covered
	Shan Wei Port Facilities	poor	clear ID only
	Wang Tien Ting Possible Electronics Site		not covered
	Hai Men Shipyard Shan Tou	poor	haze ID only
	Shan Tou Naval Base		not covered
	Shan Tou AW Facility		not covered
	Shan Tou AW Radar Facility		not covered
	Shan Tou Army Bks. Lien Tang		not covered
	Shan Tou Airfield, N.E.		not covered
	Chao An Army Barracks, E.		not covered
	Ta-Mao-Shan Possible Electronics Site		not covered
	Hsia Men Army Bks. Lien Fan		not covered
	Hsia Men (Amoy) Complex		not covered
	Shui Tou Army Bks.		not covered
	Ching Yang Airfield (Chin Chiang)		not covered
	Nan An Army Barracks		not covered
	Hung Lai Army Bks., North (Ling Tou)		not covered
	Hui An Airfield		not covered
	Hsia Men Naval Base and Port Fac. (Amoy)		not covered
	Lo Chi Army Barracks, SSW		not covered

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